



South Dakota PRICES RECEIVED

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LIVESTOCK PRICES DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

SIOUX FALLS, November 30, 1999 -- Preliminary livestock prices for November were down from October, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Preliminary November wheat prices increased this month, as did most other crop prices.

The preliminary November, all beef cattle price, at \$77.50, was down 90 cents from last month but up \$16.30 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$83.10, were down 90 cents from October but \$14.90 above November of last year. Calves, at \$96.70, were down \$1.30 from last month but \$15.90 higher than last November.

The preliminary November all hog price, at \$34.70, was down 60 cents from last month but up \$13.20 from last year. Barrows and gilts were \$14.10 higher than last year while sows were up \$7.10.

The preliminary all wheat price for November, at \$2.78, was up 24 cents from last month but down 33 cents from last year. The winter wheat price, at \$2.22, was up 5 cents from last month but down 68 cents from last November. The spring wheat price, at \$2.85 was up 27 cents from last month but down 44 cents from last year. The November soybean price, at \$4.04, was down 13 cents from last month and down 92 cents from last year. The corn price, at \$1.42, was up 2 cents from last month but down 15 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$6.26, was up 9 cents from last month but down \$3.54 from last year.

The all hay price for November, at \$43.00 per ton, remained steady from October, but was \$7.00 below last year. The alfalfa price, at \$47.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but down \$8.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$27.00, was down \$3.00 from last month and down \$9.00 from November 1998.

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COMMODITY	UNIT	November 1998 1/	October 1999 1/	November 1999 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	1.57	1.40	1.42
Soybeans	Bu.	4.96	4.17	4.04
Sunflowers	Cwt.	9.80	6.17	6.26
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.11	2.54	2.78
Winter	Bu.	2.90	2.17	2.22
Other Spring	Bu.	3.29	2.58	2.85
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	2.83
Barley, All	Bu.	2.06	5/	2.29
Feed	Bu.	1.24	5/	5/
Malt	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Oats	Bu.	1.05	1.05	1.03
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	61.20	78.40	77.50
Cows	Cwt.	29.50	33.70	32.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	68.20	84.00	83.10
Calves 4/	Cwt.	80.80	98.00	96.70
Hogs, All	Cwt.	21.50	35.30	34.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	22.60	36.70	36.70
Sows	Cwt.	14.40	24.90	21.50
Lambs	Cwt.	67.60	77.20	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	28.50	24.30	NA
Hay, All	Ton	50.00	43.00	43.00
Alfalfa	Ton	55.00	47.00	47.00
Other	Ton	36.00	30.00	27.00

1/ Entire month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

